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REFERENCE TO AN AMERICAN SEAMAN ON A BRITISH SHIP.

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To EPIM[1].

In the month of February 1946 the British [ANGLIJSKIY] steamer "FORT"[1 group[2] unrecovered]I" left for your country. According to information [C] available on board this steamer is the American sailor MURPHY Steve Edward [MURFI STIV EDUARD], born in 1924, who in the same month deserted from an American ship [and][5] is carrying out

[15 groups unrecoverable]

[1 group unrecovered]I'[c] as it is suspected that he was left in ODESSA.

No. 3443
23 May

VIKTOR[11]

[T.N. and Comments overleaf]

Distribution

T.F.: [a] The first letters of the second word of the steamer's name could be PIF, PIKh or PISh.

[b] Inserted by translator.

[c] A repeat of the steamer's name (see T.N. [a]).

Comments: [i] EFIM: Probably Semen Ivanovich MIKIROV.

[ii] VIKTOR: Probably Lt.-General P.M. FITIN.